

REMARKS

No substantive changes have been made in this Preliminary Amendment. Rather, the Applicant has revised the claim set to remove multiple dependencies, to reduce the number of claims, or otherwise to place the claims in allowable format. No new matter has been added by way of these claim amendments. A clean version of the amended claim set is attached.

A substitute English translation is also enclosed. Please substitute this translation for the English translation filed on May 25, 2006. The amendments made in the Preliminary Amendment are based on the substitute English translation.

Applicant has also amended the Specification to remove idiomatic errors due to translation, and to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added. Early and favorable action on the merits is solicited. Should any issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03850/029001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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